

In The Claims:

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 10, 20, and 24.

Please replace ~~claims~~ 1, 11, and 21 as shown below. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (AMENDED) A method of auctioning a product on a computer network having an auction site and a scan site, wherein the auction site has a sale product identifier indicative of a product for sale by a seller, the method comprising:

A2 placing a desired product identifier on the scan site of the computer network, the desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by the buyer;

monitoring the auction site with the scan site;

comparing the desired product identifier on the scan site with the sale product identifier on the auction site;

determining from the comparison between the desired product identifier and the sale product identifier whether the product desired by the buyer is for sale on the auction site by the seller; and

monitoring the scan site with the auction site to identify the desired product identifier placed on the scan site in order to enable the seller to determine the product desired by the buyer.

11. (AMENDED) A computer network auctioning system comprising:

A3 an auction host computer having an auction site, wherein the auction site has a sale product identifier indicative of a product for sale by a seller; and

a scan host computer having a scan site, wherein the scan host computer is operable for placing a desired product identifier on the scan site of the computer network, the desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by a buyer, the scan host computer operable to monitor the auction site, compare the desired product identifier on the scan site with the sale product identifier on the auction site, and determine from the comparison between

A3d the desired product identifier and the sale product identifier whether the product desired by the buyer is for sale on the auction site by the seller;

wherein the auction host computer monitors the scan site to identify the desired product identifier placed on the scan site in order to enable the seller to determine the product desired by the buyer.

21. (AMENDED) A method of auctioning a product on a computer network having a plurality of auction sites and a scan site, wherein each of the auction sites have sale product identifiers indicative of products for sale by sellers, the method comprising:

A4 placing desired product identifiers on the scan site of the computer network, the desired product identifiers indicative of products desired by buyers;

monitoring the auction sites with the scan site;

comparing the desired product identifiers on the scan sites with the sale product identifiers on the auction sites;

determining from the comparison between the desired product identifiers and the sale product identifiers whether products desired by the buyers are for sale on the auction sites by the sellers; and

monitoring the scan site with the auction sites to identify the desired product identifiers placed on the scan site in order to enable the sellers to determine the products desired by the buyers.
